

HOUSEHOLD DATA
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

A-38. Persons not in the labor force by desire and availability for work, age, and sex

(In thousands)

Category	Total		Age						Sex			
	Aug. 2005	Aug. 2006	16 to 24 years		25 to 54 years		55 years and over		Men		Women	
			Aug. 2005	Aug. 2006	Aug. 2005	Aug. 2006	Aug. 2005	Aug. 2006	Aug. 2005	Aug. 2006	Aug. 2005	Aug. 2006
Total not in the labor force	75,952	76,702	13,375	13,374	21,458	21,514	41,119	41,814	28,252	28,765	47,700	47,937
Do not want a job now ¹	70,935	71,571	11,774	11,665	19,091	19,180	40,070	40,726	26,326	26,645	44,610	44,927
Want a job ¹	5,017	5,131	1,601	1,709	2,367	2,334	1,049	1,088	1,927	2,120	3,090	3,011
Did not search for work in previous year	2,940	2,989	915	930	1,247	1,335	778	724	1,099	1,170	1,841	1,819
Searched for work in previous year ²	2,076	2,142	685	779	1,120	998	271	364	827	950	1,249	1,191
Not available to work now	494	550	154	200	301	277	38	73	118	187	376	363
Available to work now	1,583	1,592	531	579	818	722	233	291	710	763	873	829
Reason not currently looking:												
Discouragement over job prospects	384	448	137	144	184	227	63	78	218	243	167	205
Reasons other than discouragement ³	1,198	1,144	394	436	634	495	170	214	492	520	706	624
Family responsibilities	210	171	33	25	151	116	26	31	32	34	178	137
In school or training	125	184	87	158	38	24	—	1	70	90	55	93
Ill health or disability	94	148	8	25	72	80	14	43	36	79	58	70
Other ¹	770	641	266	227	374	276	130	139	355	317	415	324

¹ Includes some persons who are not asked if they want a job.

² Persons who had a job in the prior 12 months must have searched since the end of that job.

³ Includes believes no work available, could not find work, lacks necessary

schooling or training, employer thinks too young or old, and other types of discrimination.

NOTE: Beginning in January 2006, data reflect revised population controls used in the household survey.